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SHERIFF EDWARD N. BONNER RELEASES THE FOLLOWING:

Four Placer County Sheriff's Correctional Officers have graduated from the law enforcement academy at the top of their classes.

The Placer County Jail Correctional Officers were selected to attend the 20-week Santa Rosa Law Enforcement Academy as they transitioned to the rank of Deputy Sheriff. At the end of the intensive training, all four local recruits were singled out for honors.

Derek Tredinnick, who graduated in May 2000, was in the top 10 percent of his class academically and was named the most proficient in defensive tactics and physical fitness. His classmate Jerry Wernli was bestowed the highest honor, the Academy Director's Award for Outstanding Recruit.

December, 2000, graduates Brian Silva and Shawn Rosner were equally successful, with Silva placing second in his class in defensive tactics and third academically. Rosner, like Wernli, was selected for the Academy Director's Award for Outstanding Recruit.

All four men are Jail Training Officers and members of the facility's Critical Incident Response Team. Tredinnick and Rosner are also jail K-9 handlers.

Placer County Sheriff's Capt. Steve Reader, Corrections Commander, said local recruits are of a consistently high caliber.

"The success of these officers in academy training is a good indicator of the high-quality recruits we are hiring here at the Sheriff's Department, and is also indicative of the training they receive as correctional officers before being sent to the academy," he said. "As noted in the Grand Jury's latest report, the professionalism of the jail's correctional officers is exceptional. It is this quality that lends success to our program to transition those custody officers who wish to become deputies, and allows us to maintain our high standards for both correctional officers and deputies."

Two more correctional officers, Connie Schmidt and Steve Lawicka, began academy training January 2.

Photo caption: Four of the Placer County Sheriff's finest, from left, Deputies Jerry Wernli, Derek Tredinnick, Brian Silva and Shawn Rosner, all received top honors when they graduated from the Santa Rosa Law Enforcement Academy. **(Photo by Dena Erwin, CSO.)**

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